



## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a public meeting of its Groundfish Committee to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ). Recommendations from this group will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

**DATES:** This hybrid meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 21, 2023, at 9:30 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Webinar registration URL information:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8671259301116413280>.

*Meeting address:* This meeting will be held at the Four Points by Sheraton, One Audubon Road, Wakefield, MA 01880; phone: (781) 245-9300.

*Council address:* New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Thomas A. Nies, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; telephone: (978) 465-0492.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Agenda:

The Groundfish Committee will meet to receive recommendations from the Recreational Advisory Panel and Groundfish Advisory Panel, and a report from the Groundfish Plan Development Team (PDT) covering these agenda topics,

Framework Adjustment 66/Specifications and Management Measures (*to be initiated*) – this action may include 2024-26 specifications for redfish, Northern windowpane flounder, and Southern windowpane flounder, 2024-25 specifications for white hake and U.S./Canada resources of Eastern Georges Bank cod, Eastern GB haddock, and GB yellowtail flounder, a revised white hake rebuilding plan, and Atlantic halibut management. Framework Adjustment on Acceptable Biological Catches (ABC) Control Rules (*to be initiated*) - updates to the work plan, feedback from the Scientific and Statistical Committee, and facilitated meeting planning. Atlantic Cod Transition Plan – updates to the work plan, the general criteria for defining management units, and the latest cod spawning research. Gulf of Maine Haddock – a potential change in 2023 Council priorities to revise Gulf of Maine haddock specifications for 2024 and 2025 in Framework Adjustment 66. Recommendations to the Council, as appropriate, and Other business: update on MSE Project of Atlantic Cod Science and Management (GMRI) and report from a Workshop on Groundfish Cooperative Research (CLF/UMass-SMAST) and additional other business, as necessary.

Although non-emergency issues not contained on the agenda may come before this Council for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Council action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency. The public also should be aware that the meeting will be recorded. Consistent with 16 U.S.C. 1852, a copy of the recording is available upon request.

### **Special Accommodations**

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Thomas A. Nies, Executive Director, at (978) 465-0492, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

**Authority:** 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

**Dated:** May 30, 2023.

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